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SCHOOL OF ADULT AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
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GRADUATION 2000

As the new Millennium is upon us, we tend to look back and reflect on our lives. We all have had our low points and high points, but now is the time for us to look ahead to the future.

We all had different reasons to want a college degree. Whether it was job related or a personal goal, it is without a doubt a great accomplishment.

No matter what happens to us in the future, good or bad, no one can take away the fact that we have a college education - from a College, in my opinion, that is one of the finest around.

I would like to congratulate my fellow graduates. I know that they had to make sacrifices, like myself. It wasn't easy for some of us to attend college while working and trying to spend quality time with our children and spouses - but we did it.

I would like to thank all of my professors at St. Joseph's College. They are true professionals and in addition to teaching their subjects expertly, taught **us** how to be professionals. To all of the counselors and staff - thank you for all of your patience and understanding. Because of you, our time at St. Joseph's College was made easier. We will always have nice memories because you always treated everyone with respect and not just a number.

I want to wish the best for all the graduates. I pray that God looks over us and lead us down the right path. I know he will because when he looks down from heaven, he will see us - all his shining stars.

God Bless,

Salvatore A. Romano
Class of 2000

HOW SAINT JOSEPH'S HAS ASSISTED ME IN PREPARING FOR A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN HEALTH CARE

As far back as I can remember, I've been preparing for a leadership role in the health care profession. I am currently Nurse-In-Charge (Manager) of Ambulatory Care Obstetrics/Gynecology Services at New York Hospital in Queens. I am an educator at heart for my patients and for my associates. I remain a union representative and fight for the rights of those nurses who are my colleagues.

Saint Joseph's College and the Sisters of Saint Joseph were my primary educators in grammar school and beyond. In 1995, I found myself trying to complete my baccalaureate degree, again at St. Joseph's. Indeed, the congregation of St. Joseph's has been entwined in my personal and professional life for more than 32 years.

Saint Joseph's College strives for the highest quality and affords all who come to its doors the opportunity to learn in an academic forum with educators who are highly esteemed professionals and leaders in health care and other fields.

The School of Adult and Professional Education prepares graduates who become leaders in their respective fields. In this superior educational environment, I learned to understand health care law and policy and how to shape the health care marketplace of the new millennium. This education has been theoretically sound yet realistic enough to help me envision how our country's current health delivery system can be improved.

I have a personal love and respect for St. Joseph's College. But attending the school at this point in my life has made me appreciate how inclusive, outreaching, and academically excellent it strives to be on a daily basis, thereby making New York and Saint Joseph's College a wonderful place to learn.

Yes, the Tree of Knowledge still grows in New York - at Saint Joseph's College.

Lovingly submitted by,
Kathleen Terlizzi
Class of 2000

REFLECTIONS

As the time for our commencement ceremony nears, I am taking time out to reflect on my educational experience at St. Joseph's College and the value that has been added to my life story. Recognition of the need for more knowledge to support and enhance growth, led me to the School of Adult and Professional Education; what I found was a community.

This community provides a nurturing environment where each student is met at his/her own individual level. This community acknowledges the responsibilities of the adult student to family, career, and service. It supports the spiritual dimensions of each individual. This community offers a broad range of opportunities to meet individual goals and fosters a desire not only to exceed, but excel. It is multicultural and respects religious and philosophical beliefs, ethnic heritage and experiences. This community is responsive and caring. It pools its resources with diversity, understanding and sensitivity. This community is a centralized support structure.

The educational experience at St. Joseph's College is driven by the quality of the educators. It is a challenging experience to face adult students at a new stage of development and inspire them to think, question and analyze while integrating new learning into life and living. The faculty of St. Joseph's College is committed, dedicated and more importantly, compassionate. Their expectations are high, and they are closely involved with students to meet not only those expectations, but the attainment of individual and personal goals.

St. Joseph's College has nourished my spirit. Spirituality has been defined as something giving a transcendent meaning in life. It can be expressed as religion, relationship

with God, nature, energy or a force. It can also be belief; belief in the good of all, belief in family, belief in community. The community I have been part of at St. Joseph's College has contributed positively to my spirit, complementing my uniqueness and enriching my values.

It is my hope that our community, the class of 2000, will continue to learn, continue to grow and continue to nourish the spirit of all whom we touch as we expand our boundaries. Some of us have been inspired to pursue knowledge at the graduate level; some of us have been challenged to pursue learning at the doctoral level. It is my belief that some of us will accept the challenge in order to strengthen our community. It is my belief that we will all remember the inspiration. I know that I will continue on the path of learning and I know that I will always be able to draw strength from my community at St. Joseph's College and the educational experiences I have enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cynthia Jordan

Class of 2000

BBBzzzzzzzzzzz 4:40 am

Like Polyphemus, one eye opens in the direction of the irritating noise to view an unfocused object with blurred numbers

Eeeeekkkkk !!!!!! What is that??? My sleep clogged brain recognizes numbers. This has to be a nightmare.... **My number is Not up.** zzzzz ... Back to the arms of Morpheus. Aaaagguuhh ... Whheeuuu ... What is that torturous noise?? I chuckle to myself as I realize that my snoring woke me. In the background is the soothing voice of Jim Reeves. Slowly, I become alert and recognize the dawning of another day. Another blessed day. **Thank God!**

This incident, which happens more often than I would like to admit, is a follow-up to ... Ta!!! ... Da!!! .... Burning of the midnight oil. You know ... studying, that inevitable road to one's academic goal. There are not enough hours to do all that must be done. Then life happens ... flavored with a dash of that famous human spice ***Procrastination. Today. Yes .... Now ... Today ...*** I will improve by actually following that schedule that is posted on the mirror. I will repeat to myself, **"I can do this." "I WILL SUCCEED"**

Yolanda Oscar
Class of 2000

While, it is not my turn to graduate from Saint Joseph's as yet, I would like to thank some very special teachers who have affected my life with their wisdom and knowledge, Such as Marie Gaffney, Hugh Snow, Debra Freedman, Bob Dunn and Rupert Campbell. They have given their all and I have prospered and will continue to do so.

My years at Saint Joseph's continue to be enjoyable and fulfilling. I have made many new friends, not only with students but also with my teachers. When I do leave Saint Joseph's I will take with me the knowledge I have acquired, the experience I have shared and most of all fond memories.

I want to wish the year 2000 graduating class much success in their future endeavors and hope that they take happy memories with them.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Sylvia Saleh, Student in
Organizational Management

RUNNING FOR LIFE

I am a full-time student, a full-time health care professional, a full-time mom - and a marathon runner.

People have a hard time understanding us (runners). In many ways, we are a people apart - a rarified class. To get up everyday, rain or shine, in order to train to run a marathon is grueling work. It takes plenty of grit, determination, and discipline. I choose to run because it makes me feel exhilarated. When most people are sleeping (at 4:45 a.m.), I am outside running. Sometimes as I run, I ask myself who is better - off: those who are asleep at home or me? Hands down I know its me because I am there witnessing the sunrise, and bonding with nature and God before rushing to work in the crazy city.

As a runner, I have the occasional blister, bruised nails, sore muscles, and random injury. But I am doing some thing that many people don't do. I am living life to the fullest. In my life as a runner, I have completed many marathons in different cities of the United States. To be able to run 26.2 miles (just ***one*** marathon) is an accomplishment in itself. I have also hiked in the mountains and witnessed one of nature's marvels - the gentle shimmer of fresh sunrise. I have jumped out of a plane at 14,000 feet and landed safely on the ground.

I am not in the Olympics and I have not won any prizes for my adventures. I am a single mom, living in a small apartment with a beautiful young boy. I don't make a lot of money and have but a few medals that confirm my efforts. However, I do have a strong and disciplined body and a will to live, learn, and love - and no one can take these away from me.

Running a marathon is not easily undertaken. A marathon is an event that is planned over the course of a year - and within that year, one must train relentlessly each and every day. As a college student, I sharpen my mind and intellect. As a mother, I give my soul. And as a runner, I discipline my body. I relinquish none of these, for without them I would be lost.

Sincerely,
Jamill Costanzo
Class of 2000

True Happiness Comes From Doing What You Want To Do Most

True happiness comes from doing what you want to do most. I believe that knowing what you want to do is approximately 95% of solving your problems. The other 5% is finding out how to do it. I wanted to return to school to earn a degree but working a full time job and as a stepmother of two, I couldn't figure out the other 5%. I find that most people have an idea of what they want to do, but: either dismiss this as non-sense, impossible, or refuse to trust their own intuition: often lacking the courage, and support to carry through what they feel is right for them.

A little reluctant at first, but with ambition to achieve, I first spoke with and met Elizabeth Levy at St. Joseph's College. She answered all my questions and concerns, advised me of weekend classes, arranged a realistic schedule and goal for me and made my admissions process seamless. After her making simple what I thought was complicated, I made the decision to enroll. My first classes were with Professor Beni, a knowledgeable and competent instructor. His classes reinforced my decision to attend this school: he taught us skills that could be useful in everyday life and that was exactly what I needed and wanted. I thank St. Joseph's College and its staff for they were instrumental in my advancement within my job. I am grateful to St. Joseph's College for its flexible schedule for people like me. I am now closer to one of my dreams, my degree.

For the graduating class of 2000, Congratulations and always remember that ***Anything Is Possible.*** If there was ever a time to dare, to make a difference, to embark on something worth doing, **IT IS NOW.** Not for any grand cause, necessarily ... but for something that tugs at your heart, something that's your inspiration, something that's your dream. You owe it to yourself to make your days count here. Have fun, Dig deep,

True Happiness Comes From Doing What You Want To Do Most

Stretch and Dream big. Know, though, that things worth doing seldom come easy. There will always be good days and there will be bad days. There will be times when you want to turn around, pack it up, and call it quits. Those times tell you that you are pushing yourself, that you are not afraid to learn by trying. **Persist;** because with an idea, determination, and the right tools, you can do great things. Let your instincts, your intellect, and your heart, guide you. **Trust;** believe in the incredible power of the human mind, of doing something that makes a difference, of working hard, of laughing and hoping; of lazy afternoons, of lasting friends and of remembering that **true happiness comes from doing what you want to do most.**

And of all the things that will cross your path this year, the start of something new brings the hope of something great.

Good luck and God bless, your fellow
classmate Maria Novello.

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Dear Graduates:

To some extent earning a college degree is about obtaining a credential that will help you advance in your career. While this is the reason that many adults initially give for returning to school, it is not something typically mentioned by graduates when asked to reflect on the value of their years at Saint Joseph's. From the vantage of Commencement, where-in keeping with the College's Mission Statement — "students are challenged to develop their full potential."

As the field of adult development expands, there is an increasing body of knowledge that speaks to what constitutes psychological well-being in midlife. A prominent spokesperson in this regard is Carol D. Ryff, who has identified a number of themes related to well-being, including: Environmental Mastery, Purpose in Life, and Personal Growth.

Applying Ryff 's model to you in the season of Commencement, I'm sure you would agree that during your time at St. Joseph's you have increased your competence in managing your environment, you have acquired goals in life and a sense of directness, and you have a feeling of continuing development-all of which are contributing to helping you realize your full potential. So congratulations on your degree and, more importantly, the progress you have made toward wisdom.

At this time, I would like to extend appreciation to Daniel Beni and S. Carole Lessard for the work that they have done to make this year's Achievement such a success. May it serve as a reminder of your accomplishment and of the friends who shared the St. Joseph's College experience with you.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Travis
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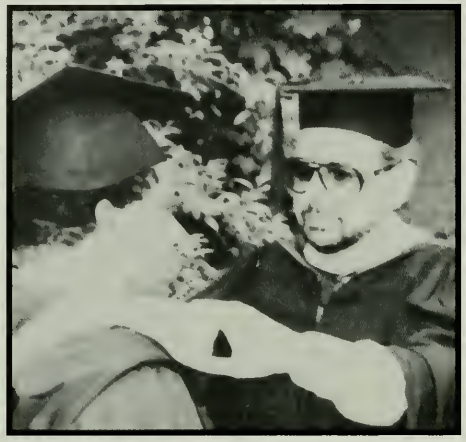

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Dear Graduates,

Your graduation this June represents the fulfillment of one of life's more notable accomplishments - the attainment of a baccalaureate degree. You have demonstrated academic competence as well as unparalleled commitment to your families and to those you serve professionally. I truly hope that this yearbook provides you with abundant and happy memories of your college experiences at Saint Joseph's for many years.

I would like to thank both graduates and students who contributed to our first yearbook of the new century. Your articles - sensitive, thoughtful, and incisive - attest to the singular struggles and unique accomplishments of the adult learner in our society. Thank you Yamill Costanzo, Keenan Emmanuel, Cynthia Jordan, JoAnn Myers, Maria Novello, Yolande Oscar, Salvatore Romano, Sylvia Saleh, and Kathleen Lonergan-Terilizzi.

I would also like to express my thanks to S. Carole Lessard, Susie James, and Sadie McMillan for their strong administrative support - without which this special edition of Achievements would not have become a reality.

I extend my very best wishes to the class of 2000. May you achieve all that you desire and continue to experience the excitement and renewal that continued learning and self-discovery bequeaths to all of us.

Cordially,

Daniel Beni

Daniel Beni

WHAT GRADUATION MEANS TO ME

JoAnna Myers

Class of 2000

In the summer of 1992, while attending a woman's group meeting at my church, my Pastor was polling all women about where we were presently in our careers. There were approximately twenty-five of us present at the meeting within the age range of 21 to 41. As I sat there listening to the answers of my peers, I was shocked, and impressed to hear the majority answered that they were attending college.

I was so impressed because I've always wished that I could go to college. A college degree seemed like a fantasy or a dream to me. Although the thought of going to college seemed an inconceivable achievement, I could not understand how so many who were in the same career path as I were able to have the time or money to go to school. Who took care of their children while they attended school? How did they juggle their jobs, home-life and school?

I recently had been awarded custody of my sister's four children; one was three weeks old and the others ranged in age from seven to sixteen. My household had just increased to five children who needed my supervision. I sat there, envious, wishing I could go back to school.

One day at work, my boss, who was also my friend, suggested that we return to school together, like a buddy system. We felt that we could do it if we shared the costs of textbooks and studied together. We went to apply at Saint Joseph's College, School of Adult and Professional Education, and before I even had time to fully realize what I'd done, Ms. Suzanne Trappier had us registered and sitting in front of a camera snapping our photos for our identification cards. It was a painless, easy process. Registering for classes seemed to take only minutes.

Today, I stand proud with my Bachelor of Science degree in Health Administration. I am proud of my accomplishment. I feel as if the doors of opportunity are now open wide for me. Thanks to God, my husband, family and friends, I have achieved a dream. I am a first generation college graduate and hope to stand as a role model to my daughter, nieces, and nephews to show them that they too can achieve their goals, that college is not just for

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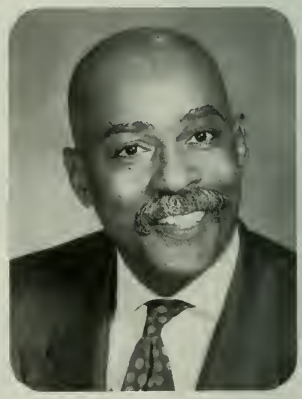

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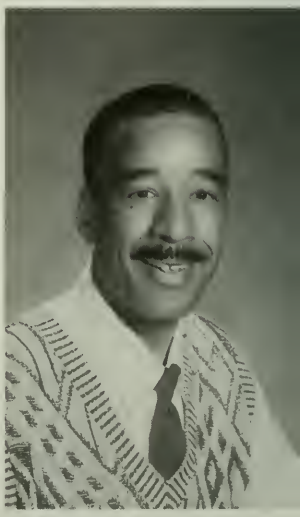

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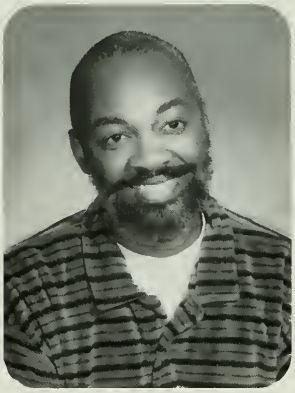

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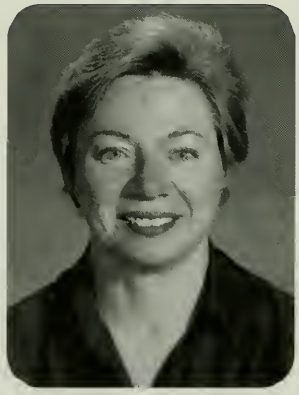

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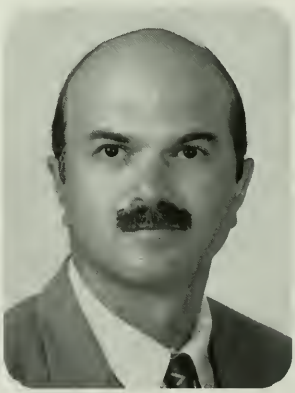

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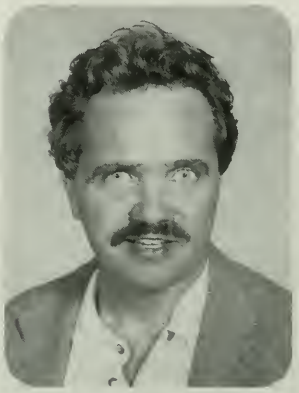

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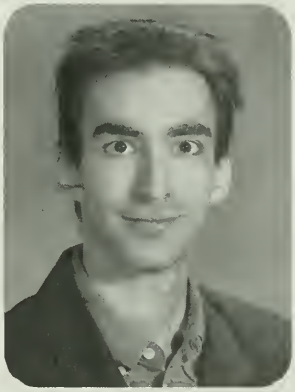

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At Saint Joseph's I found:

- A school that is committed to addressing the needs of their students and society.
- A pleasant, support, student centered learning environment, with a cutting-edge curriculum that has best prepared me for a career in Health Administration.
- A close-knit, diverse and helpful student body, which I was able to learn from. We built both professional and casual relationships and shared vital experiences, which made it possible for us to contribute towards each other's learning.
- A faculty who is committed to professionalism. I was very impressed with the fact that they were all active in their respective specialties, which enabled them to bring the real-world experiences into the classroom, thereby making the learning experience interesting. Yet, through it all they were able to keep a sense of humor. To them, I say,, "Thank you for the sharing and passing on of knowledge."

I truly enjoyed my experience at Saint Joseph's. It was intellectually fulfilling and now I feel honored to be part of this special community.

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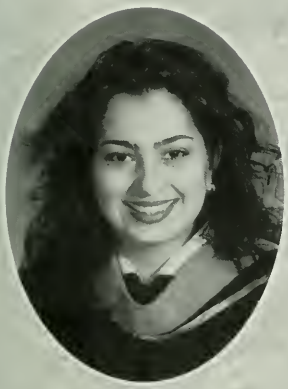

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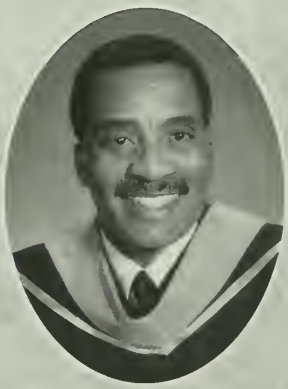

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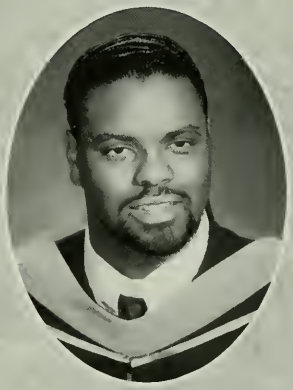

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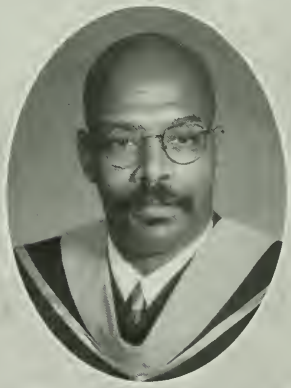

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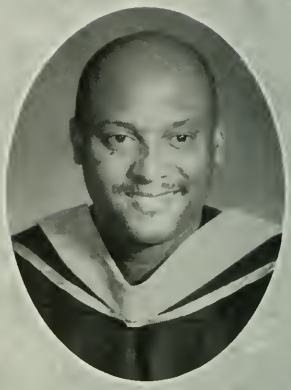

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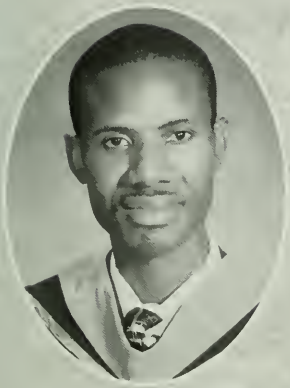

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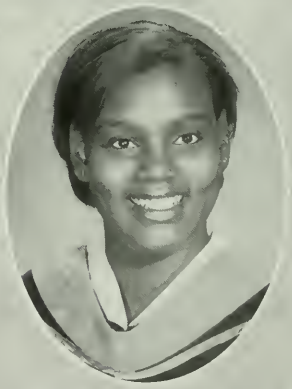

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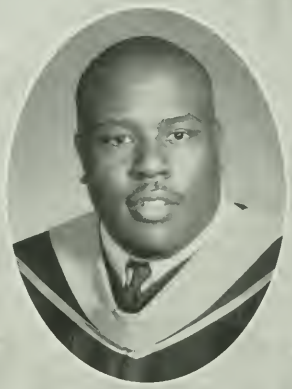

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1999 was the inaugural year for the Delta Gamma Sigma Honor Society of the School of Adult and Professional Education. The name of the honor society is derived from the first letter of the Greek words *Diakonia*, service, *Gnosis*, knowledge and *Sophia*, wisdom. The words represent the goal of the college "to prepare each student for a life characterized by integrity, intellectual and spiritual values, social responsibility and service."

Membership is based on academic performance and significant volunteer service to the college or to the community. Students who have completed thirty credits or more at St. Joseph's College with a cumulative index of 3.85 or higher are eligible for election to membership. Eligible students submit an application with evidence of volunteer service and an essay reflecting on this service; it is reviewed by a committee appointed by the Dean. No more than fifteen percent of the enrolled School of Adult and Professional Education students with thirty credits or more are elected to the society.

An investiture ceremony was held on October 8th, 1999 in the Auditorium of Sister Vincent Thérèse Hall. Opening remarks were made by Dr. Thomas G. Travis, Vice President and Dean of the School of Adult and Professional Education. David M. Wolff, was the candidate selected to speak about his reflections on service. Linda Fonte, Assistant Dean, then presented the candidates with certificates of membership and service pins. A light collation was served for members, their families and friends.

The inaugural members of the Delta Gamma Sigma Honor Society include:

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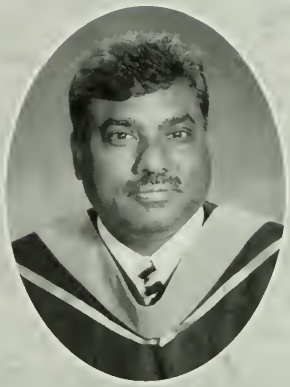

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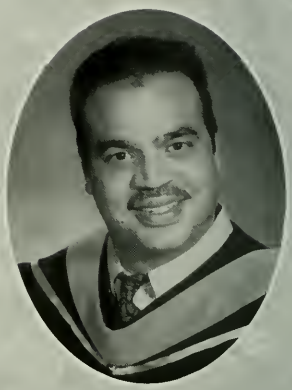

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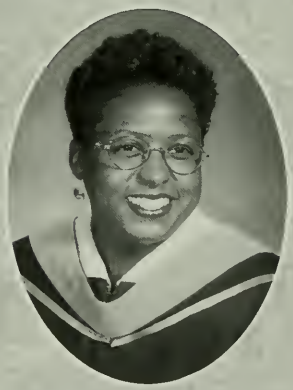

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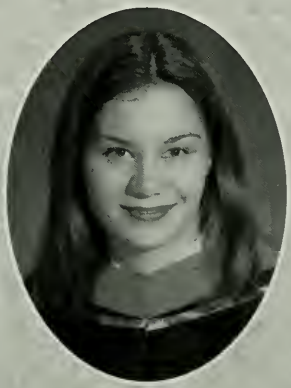

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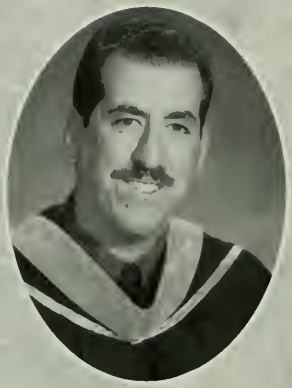

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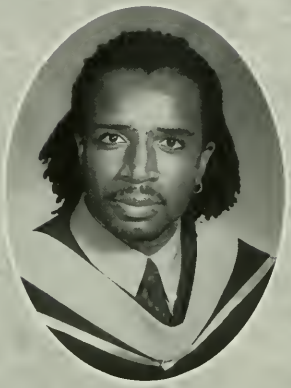

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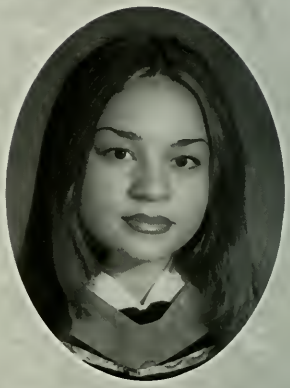

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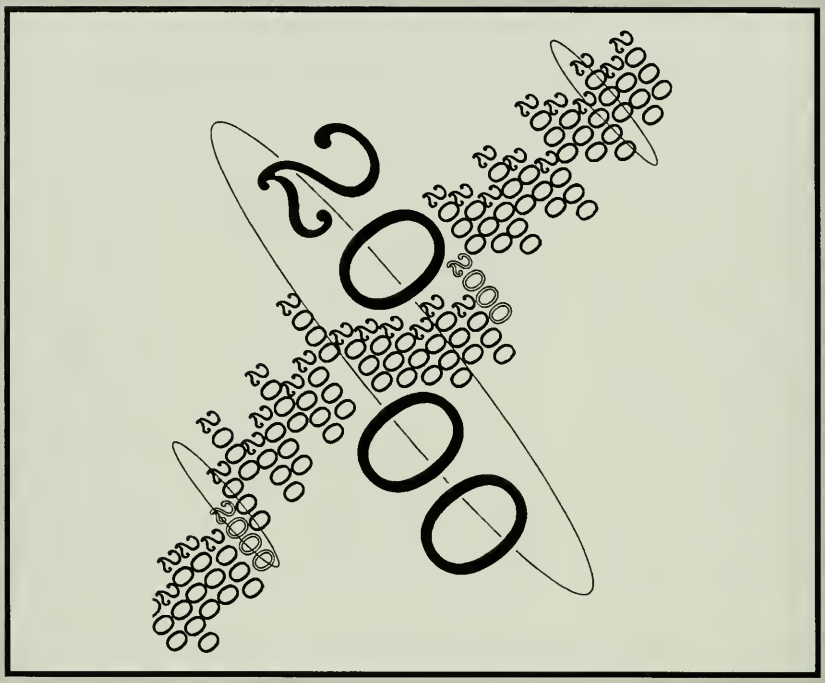

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